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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1971, prepared as directed by the Minister of Health and Social Security.

There was little serious illness in the Town and little infectious disease.

One case of typhoid fever occurred, contracted on holiday abroad and there was one small incident of food poisoning.

The population at mid-year is estimated at 21,000. This of course is based on the ten-yearly Census which was taken in April, As in many other districts, the Census figure is less than the Registrar-General's estimate for mid-year 1970, which was 22,820. In fact the same thing has happened at previous Censuses.

The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 252.

There were only three infant deaths and six stillbirths, prematurity was not a major factor this year.

Vaccination against small-pox is no longer advised as a routine for infants. The world-wide reduction in the incidence of the disease through the activities of the World Health Organisation, plus the strict control at airports has produced the situation in which the chance of a severe vaccination reaction is bigger than the chance of an infant catching small-pox. Vaccination is of course still essential for anyone travelling outside Europe or North America.

Legislation during the year included the Order activating Section 45 of the Health Service and Public Health Act 1968. This gives extensive power to County Councils in connection with Old Peoples Welfare and is of particular interest to Old Peoples Committees.

Re-organisation, both of Local Government and the Health Service, has cast its shadow.

The original proposal to put part of North East Hampshire into Surrey would have brought almost the whole territory served by the new Frimley Hospital into one Area Health Authority. The reversal of this proposal puts an administrative obstacle between the hospital and a large part of its population. It may not matter much superficially to the individual patient, but it matters a lot to the people who are trying to give an efficient and smooth running service and will to that extent work to the patient's disadvantage. The local division of the British Medical Association is pressing the Dept. of Health for some arrangement to overcome this difficulty.

The new hospital is now expected to open in early 1973.

As noted below, one case of primary syphilis was reported. It cannot be said too often that sexually transmitted disease is still increasing in the country and will continue to increase until popular opinion condemns the practice of promiscuous sexual behaviour.

I must express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and encouragement; to the Clerk of the Council for his help; and to Mr. Smale and the staff of the Health Department for their always loyal support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

I.H.C. Morton,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS 1971

Area: 3,694 acres

Population: 21,000 (estimated mid-year, 1971)-(Census 1971 - 21,362)

Number of inhabited houses: 7,110

Sum represented by penny rate: £9,610 (estimated 1.4.72).

Rateable Value: £932,609. (31.12.71)

General Rate: 70.4p in the £ (for dwelling houses)

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

		Rate for England and Wales
Total number (15 illegitimate)	414	
Rate per 1,000 population	19.7	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (0.88)	17.3	16.0
Illegitimate as percentage of total	4	8

Still Births

Total (1 - illegitimate)	6	
Rate per 1,000 all births	14	12
Total all Births	420	

Deaths

Total	162	
Rate per 1,000 population	7.7	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (1.19)	9.2	11.6

Maternal Mortality (including abortion) NIL

Infant Deaths

Under 1 year	3	
Rate per 1,000 live births	7	18
Under 1 week (early neo-natal)	2	
Rate per 1,000 live births	5	10
Stillbirths plus early neo-natal (perinatal)	8	
Rate per 1,000 all births	19	22

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1971

	M	F	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	3	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	13	1	14
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4	4
Leukaemia	1	2	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	6	6	12
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	5	1	6
Ischaemic Heart Disease	34	13	47
Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	10	17	27
Other Disease of Circulatory System	1	5	6
Pneumonia	3	6	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	2	4
Asthma	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	2	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	2	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All other Accidents	-	1	1
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	-	1	1
Total all Causes	91	71	162

There were considerably fewer deaths than in 1970, due partly to the absence of influenza and its associated illnesses.

Ischaemic heart disease is by far the commonest cause but although the total number has increased there are notably fewer in the under 55 groups. Nevertheless it is a disease of people who live well and work under pressure, especially if they are doing it on an overdraft.

Cancer of the lung is up again; but one cannot read much into annual fluctuations. The present "older generation" acquired its lung and coronary damage during the years before the danger of smoking was realised. A man of over 60 now - coming up to the cancer age - who stopped smoking when the first report was published in 1961 has almost attained the status of "non-smoker" so far as risk of cancer goes. One hopes that death returns will now begin to show a declining trend, reflecting the effectiveness of the first wave of anti-smoking education in the early 1960s.

There were only three infant deaths, and six stillbirths. Of the nine, two had congenital abnormalities and one an abnormal pregnancy condition, which leaves a very low perinatal death rate among the apparently normal babies.

Infectious Diseases

The following table shows the infectious disease notified during the past five years.

Infectious Diseases	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Scarlet Fever	15	17	17	12	1
Measles	842	34	18	294	11
Whooping Cough	46	8	-	11	3
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	2	9
Infective Hepatitis	(Not notifiable)		4	1	6
Tuberculosis	8	3	2	4	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	2
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	1

Measles

All that can be said is that the numbers are down this year. Only 167 children were vaccinated in 1970 but 462 this year. 1972 will show if any real progress is being made.

Scarlet Fever

There was one case, plus a late notification belonging to 1970, which is a real improvement on the previous four years. One hopes it is the result of the treatment of carriers in a school in early 1970.

Infective Hepatitis

Of the six cases, two were in one family and apparently from a common source. Two were near neighbours of each other but occurred three months apart. One cannot of course exclude the possibility of there having been another mild case in one of the families in between the two recorded. There was no connection between these pairs, or between them and the other two isolated cases.

Food Poisoning

There was one incident involving at least nine people who had eaten in a restaurant. The cause appeared to be "frozen" food which had thawed while in transit and later been re-frozen.

Typhoid Fever

There was one case, fortunately not severe. The patient had been on holiday abroad and was completely cleared of infection after recovery from the illness.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

One case of primary syphilis occurred. This is the first recorded for several years and it is salutary to realise that it can still happen.

Immunisation

The procedure introduced in 1968 remains in use.

The number of children recorded as immunised is shown in the following tables:-

Year of Birth	TRIPLE		DIP-TET *		POLIO		Smallpox		Measles	Rubella
	Primy	Reinf	Primy	Reinf	Primy	Reinf	Primy	Reinf		
1971	118	-	-	1	119	-	3	-	-	-
1970	423	54	31	7	449	57	189	-	139	-
1969	84	183	5	26	90	193			139	-
1968	13	65	1	8	11	73	153	18	116	-
1964/67	3	53	57	314	59	351			67	-
Others under 16	1	1	21	116	10	89	8	56	1	264
TOTAL	642	356	115	472	738	763	353	74	462	264

* 12 received Diphtheria only.

B.C.G.

Acceptance of the offer of vaccination was 90%.

Number of children	Heef tested	-	392
Number of children	positive	-	88 (64 had previously had B.C.G.)
Number of children	vaccinated	-	292

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff:

Attachment	Name and Address
Drs. Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison, The Surgery, Branksomewood Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3624	Mrs. M.M. Spelman (District Nurse) 21 Wood Lane, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6797
	Miss S. Hicks, (District Midwife) 29 Kings Road, Fleet, Tel. Fleet 7178
	Mrs. E.A. Hill, (Health Visitor) 79 Kings Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6298.
Drs. Newell-Price, Collings-Wells, and Studholme, The Surgery, 21 Basingbourne Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3456	Miss B.M. Grubb, (District Nurse/ Midwife) 1A. Linkway, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 21025.
	Mrs. Z. Collyer, (Health Visitor) 61 Ferndale Road, Church Crookham Tel. Fleet 5655
Drs. Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright, Aubrey and Donald, Hillside Surgery, 16 Crookham Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3327	Mrs. U. Alexander, (District Nurse) 26 Coxheath Road, Church Crookham. Tel. Fleet 4416
	Mrs. P.E. Fraser (District Midwife) 4 Oakley Drive, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6802.
	Miss D.L. Heath (Health Visitor) 69 Greenways, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3575

Part-time Staff only

Fleet area	Mrs. E. Johnson, (District Nurse) 12 Greenways, Courtmoor, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 5731
Fleet area	Mrs. A. Boyden, (District Nurse) 35 Glen Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 5601

This area for general hospital purposes comes under the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The Fleet Hospital contains a total of 30 beds, 6 in the male ward, 16 in the female ward, 4 in the children's ward, 2 in the private wards and 2 beds which can be used as amenity beds or for very ill patients.

There is no resident Medical Officer. There is a consultant surgical and medical staff in addition to the Doctors in practice in the area, who attend the hospital.

Work on the extension to Fleet Hospital is progressing. It is hoped that the work on the out-patients department will be completed by the summer of 1972 and the new ward ready for use by the spring of 1973.

Cases of infectious diseases are treated at Northfield Hospital, Aldershot. The ambulance service provides for the removal of patients to hospital through the North-East Ambulance Station at Hawley.

The County Council is responsible for School Medical Services, Mental Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, the care of premature infants and illegitimate children and the Tuberculosis service (prevention, care and after care only).

The special clinic for Venereal Diseases is held at the General Hospital, Aldershot and is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Hospital Board, as is the treatment part of the Tuberculosis service.

Laboratory Facilities:

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at the Public Health Laboratory, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. Tel. No. Guildford 66091 and the Director is Dr. Joan R. Davies, who was appointed in November, 1971 on the retirement of Dr. Cook. All types of bacteriological examinations are carried out there.

Chemical examinations of water are carried out by the City Analyst of Portsmouth by arrangement with Portsmouth City Council, whilst examinations and analyses of foods generally is carried out by the Council's Public Analysts, (Messrs. Bernard Dyer and Partners Ltd., London).

Clinic and Treatment Centres:

Vaccination and Immunisation:

Clinics are held at the Schools as required.

Special Clinics:

Women

Monday 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday, 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
at Aldershot General Hospital,
St. Georges Road, Aldershot.

Men

Monday 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday, 4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
at Aldershot General Hospital,
St. Georges Road, Aldershot.

Chest Clinics:

At Northfield Hospital,
Redan Road, Aldershot,
held every Monday, 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients 11.00 a.m.
New Patients second Monday every
month - Special Bronchitic Clinic.

One Monday every month - B.C.G.
Session.

One Monday every month - Post
B.C.G. Session

Tuesday, 9.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
Old and new contacts. Old Patients.
Urgent new Patients

Held every Thursday 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients and urgent new
Patients.

Held on first, third and fifth
Wednesday in the month at Fleet
Hospital, old and new Patients.

Child Health Clinics:

Fleet (Church Hall)

Every Friday afternoon at the
Church Hall, Albert Street,
Fleet

Fleet (Heatherlands)

Every second and fourth Thursday
afternoons in each month at
Heatherlands Evangelical Church,
77 Aldershot Road. Fleet.

Church Crookham
(War Memorial Hall)

Every Tuesday afternoon 2 - 4 p.m.
Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane,
Church Crookham

Dr. Newell-Price,
The Surgery,
Basingbourne Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday

Dr. Aubrey,
Hillside Surgery,
Crookham Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday and every Friday

Outside the district but serving the area, School Clinics are
held as follows:-

School Eye Clinic at
Aldershot General Hospital

By appointment.

Audiology Clinic at
School Clinic,
St. Georges Road East,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Speech Clinic at
School Clinic
St. Georges Road East.
Aldershot

By appointment.

Speech Clinic at School Clinic,
The Grange Junior School,
Wren Way, off Mayfield Road,
Farnborough.

By appointment.

Child Guidance Clinic at
Manor Park House,
Health Clinic,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Dental treatment is available under County Dental Service for children of school age, pre-school children and expectant and nursing mothers. This is now provided in the new Dental Clinic at Fleet Courtmoor School by appointment only.

Diphtheria/Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccinations:

Diphtheria/Tetanus and Whooping Cough vaccination prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County Council and it is a free service. Parents may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor. Children under school age can still be immunised at the weekly child health clinics.

Prevention of Cancer of the Womb - The "Smear Test":

The County Council hold clinics at Manor Park House Health Clinic, Aldershot, for the early detection of cancer of the womb, for all women over the age of 35. Application for appointments are made to the County Medical Officer, The Castle, Winchester.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Since the Social Services Act of 1970, the Welfare Service has been re-organised.

The Social Services Department now covers the fields previously covered by Welfare and Childrens' Departments, such special sections as the Blind and Deaf and some former Health functions, notably Home Help, Child Minding and Mental Welfare.

The Area Director of Social Services for North-East Hampshire is located at Hippodrome House, Birchett Road, Aldershot. Telephone number Aldershot 28312.

Fleet is covered by a Group of Social Workers based at Hippodrome House, the Group Officer is Miss D. Newton, formerly the local Children's Officer.

Requests for help should be made:-

Mondays to Fridays 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
to the Area office.

For emergencies at other times to Ambulance Control (Winchester 61644) who will have the telephone number of the Social Worker on duty.

Home Help Sub-Office remains at 107 Fleet Road, Fleet, which is administered by Mrs. P.M. Roberts, Home Help Organiser on

Mondays 9.00 to 11.30 a.m.
Fridays 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Telephone number Fleet 6513

There was an average of 19 Home Helps on the register during the year.

The following information is kindly supplied by the Organiser:-

Cases helped

Aged	94
Chronic Sick	12
Emergency	7
Post Hospital	15
Child Care	1
Maternity	14
Mental	-

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These figures are for Fleet only.

This service passed into the control of the County Social Services Department in April, 1971.

National Assistance Act 1948

No action was required under this Act.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the Fleet Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1971 and the twenty-fifth since my appointment in 1947.

The recorded figures of inspections, whilst showing an overall increase on the previous year's figures, also show no great increase in the routine inspection of all types of premises and this causes me some concern as this aspect is a most important and basic part of the Department's environmental health duties and is caused by two factors, (i) the continuing growth of the district resulting in an increase in the work load and (ii) the inadequate staff to deal with the increase. Steps are in hand to remedy the latter.

I am pleased to report the completion, at last, of the 1969/70 Slum Clearance Programme and plans are well advanced for the commencement of 81 units of accommodation in the Lea Wood Road site (Phase 1), whilst the Award Road site is still under construction.

Food complaints showed a further decrease.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The whole of the water supply for the area is provided by the Mid-Southern Water Company, and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Company for the following report:-

1. (a) (i) The sources supplying the Urban District are all underground in the chalk formation. All are subject to treatment which includes softening and regular examination has shown that the processes are continually effective in producing a water of the Statutory hardness, and suitable for public supply purposes.
- (ii) There have been no restrictions regarding quantity.
- (b) Immediate remedial measures would be initiated if sampling revealed contamination of a treated water. Reservoirs and taps in distribution are examined regularly, and new mains as laid are chlorinated and sampled prior to use for supply purposes.
- (c) (i) The figure for standpipes would be nil.
- (d) The fluoride content is low, the range being 0.1 - 0.2 ppm.
2. (a) Samples of raw and treated waters are examined bacteriologically weekly, the results of the treated waters being forwarded to you regularly.

It is impossible to segregate entirely those results applicable solely to the Urban District, but the most relevant figures for 1971 are:-

	<u>Number Tested</u>	<u>% Highly Satisfactory</u>
Raw waters before treatment	104	
Treated waters at Head Works	104	100.0
	<u>208</u>	

The raw waters are virtually constant in composition, but chemical analyses are undertaken regularly, and also on samples of softened water.

(b) The waters are not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

Water Sampling:

(a) Public Main Supply

Three samples of Mid-Southern Water Company's main supply were taken from sources in different parts of the district and all were reported satisfactory bacteriologically. The hardness figures were 11.1 degrees (Clark's Scale), 14.0, 12.7 and 13.4. Breakdowns in the water softening plant were said to be the reason for three of the samples exceeding the statutory limit.

(b) Public Swimming Pools.

There are two privately owned public swimming pools in the district. One is an open air pool, where the water (a main supply) is treated by aeration, filtration and chlorination and the other is a heated indoor one, where the water (a main supply) is treated by filtration and chlorination. Regular chemical testing for chlorine content, carried out as routine, provides a reasonable check on the bacterial quality of the water.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

I am indebted to your Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. C.J. Eastman, C.Eng., M.I.Mun.E., M.Inst.H.E., for the following report:-

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. Disposal Works.

The problems referred to in last year's report have not been resolved and final standards have only been achieved by use of the land irrigation area.

The Consultants have been asked to report on this and are expected to produce their report by mid-year 1972. It is anticipated that the original design decision to omit humus tanks before microstrainers may be reviewed.

Negotiations have continued with the Department of the Environment over the contribution towards the capital extension works needed to cope with the sewage from the M 3 Service Area and the current proposals are for measuring devices to be installed so that the actual population equivalent of this area is known.

Sewerage Scheme - Soil Drainage

Contract 12. The western area drainage scheme is now completed, the one remaining small pump at Hitches Lane having been replaced with a larger unit, and the rising main duplicated to the treatment works.

Contract 13. The Motorway pipe division contract is completed though as expected at increased cost.

Minley Road Pumping Station is complete and in operation.

Difficulties were experienced with the gravity sewer from Elvetham Road to the works and authority has been given to prepare a scheme for a pumping station in the Elvetham Place area to be considered in the estimates.

Sewer adoptions on new estates continued and a Scheme involving another pumping station at Dinorben is currently being tested before adoption.

The sewerage implications of the revised North East Hants Urban Plan were considered with particular reference to the Gally Hill Road area.

The Council decided not to appoint consultants to advise on these implications as the area was outside the Urban District in Hartley Wintney Rural District.

M 3 Service Area.

The contract for the pumping station and rising main for the sewage from this area is out to tender and expected to be operational in 1972.

This contract No. 14 has been designed by John Taylor & Sons, Consulting Engineers and is estimated at £17,500.

The adjoining cottages in Pale Lane have asked if they could drain to the station and this is acceptable in principle.

Trade Effluent

No new agreements were made in the year but one industrial concern has left the town and others with agreements are changing ownerships.

Surface Water

The Consultants Messrs. D. Balfour & Sons, brought the tenders for the culvert system for main watercourses to Committee, but as they were far in excess of the estimate they were not accepted and the consultants have been instructed to prepare a revised and reduced scheme. A report on this is expected in mid-year 1972.

The open ditch in Hampton Close was piped during the year at a cost of some £1,200.

The opportunity was taken during development off Church Road, to install gullies in the road adjacent to this length.

Refuse Collection

The system has continued to function without major troubles except for a slow recovery after Bank Holidays.

A new refuse vehicle was put into operation in September.

No work study services have been allocated for the year.

Consideration was given to the collection of waste paper but rejected after study of the current state of the waste paper industry.

Refuse Disposal

The joint tipping arrangement with Hartley Wintney Rural District Council has continued with the tip transferred from Hazeley Heath to Bramshill, having a 10 year capacity for the two authorities.

No action on the North East Hants and South West Surrey Consortium has followed the final report which recommended a pulverisation unit at Aldershot.

General

Population and area development statistics have been kept and the Registrar General's report on population following the Census has given a figure of 21,000 which is less than the forecast figure.

Other publications about to be printed are the report of a river pollution survey of England and Wales 1970 and the functions of the re-organised Local Government which may put Refuse Disposal to Counties and Sewage Disposal to Regional Water Authorities from April, 1974.

Housing

Improvement Grants

There was a slight increase in the number of applications received for improvement grants, as compared with last year.

Despite better financial inducements to modernise houses and despite the holding of a small display in the district in May, the figures are still a little disappointing. Nevertheless, many enquiries are made but are in respect of proposed works, mainly repair work only, which do not command grant aid.

A great increase in publicity by the Government Department concerned is planned for 1972 and this may lead to an increase in applications for what is worthwhile improvement in housing standards.

The following table summarises the applications received and the action taken thereon.

Type of Grant	Applications received	No. of Premises	No. approved (Premises)	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Improvement (formerly discretionary)	19	20	20	19	1
Standard	6	6	6	6	-
Totals	25	26	26	25	1

Slum Clearance Programme

The second phase of the 1969/70 programme was finally completed before the end of 1971.

A detailed housing Survey will be necessary in the near future so that provision may be made for re-housing in the Lea Wood Road house building programme, due to start in mid- 1972.

House Building Progress.

The total number of post-war houses erected in the district is:-

Council houses : 576 - an increase of 67
Private enterprise : 3661 - an increase of 306.
making a total of 4,237.

I am indebted to your Housing Officer (Mr. M.G. Atkins) for the following report:-

Following on from my last Report, I am pleased to be able to state that the three blocks of Old People's dwellings, namely Jean Orr Court, Dudley Court and St. Philip's Court, were all completed and occupied during the latter part of the year, when full advantage was taken of the chance to transfer those tenants who were overhoused in other Council accommodation, at the same time dealing with all the immediate urgent cases on the Old People's waiting list. Elvetham Place was also completed, and this provided 19 units for general housing needs, which were sorely needed so that some of the younger families living in hardship and in some cases distressing circumstances could be rehoused. The opportunity was taken to rehouse those personnel in the slum clearance group in the above schemes.

Curtis Court, referred to by me in my previous Report, is now being built, and I anticipate rehousing in this scheme early in the New Year. Evidence of its need is shown by the fact that there are already over 40 applicants waiting for this type of housing. It is interesting to note that in at least two cases the children of parents living in warden-assisted housing are themselves housed by this Council in Old People's flats! I would like to take the opportunity of conveying the

appreciation of the older tenants for the continued help and support they receive from the domiciliary services and voluntary organisations of this town, which is frequently expressed to me.

At the present time tenders are awaited for the erection of approximately a further 80 units of general housing, which will be a welcome addition to the Council's housing stock.

The policy of transferring tenants to accommodation more suitable to means, size of family etc., has been maintained wherever possible, and its effect is reflected in the analysis of lettings for the year shown below:-

General Housing - transfers to more suitable accommodation:	19
General Housing - new tenancies:	43
General Housing - N.G.T.E. :	6
Old People's Housing - new tenancies:	45
Warden-Assisted - new tenancies:	5

All applicants on the waiting list are invited to re-register annually, and this left the strength of the waiting lists, including new applicants, as follows:-

		<u>Deferred</u>
General Housing	102	72
Old People's Housing	45	71
Warden-Assisted Housing	40	3 (awaiting assent)
Slum Clearance	-	-
Service Personnel	22	5
Teachers	7	-

NOTE:

Teachers and Warden-Assisted Applicants are not placed on the deferred list for one year.

Caravans

There is one privately owned and operated caravan site in the District, permanently licensed for 140 caravans. The site has been maintained in its usual very satisfactory condition during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council is a constituent member, together with other Local Authorities in the North East of the County, of the North Hants Pest Control Committee, which now meets three times a year to discuss problems, hear technical lectures and see films on rodent and other pest problems. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Defence Department attend. Locally a free service continued to be given to both business and private premises.

A. summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator is given below:-

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in District	6974	5
2.(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	363	Nil
(b) Number infested by	282	Nil
(i) Rats		
(ii) Mice	94	Nil
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	148	5
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	125	5
(ii) Mice	34	2

Pest Destruction

Dwelling houses were treated for the following pests:-

Flies, ants and fleas and advice on the eradication of other pests, not defined as rodent pests under the Act, was given.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

This statute deals with the environmental welfare of employees in offices, shops, etc., (sanitary accommodation, water supply, heating, lighting, temperature and first aid) and action is now confined to following-up notices served, inspecting new premises and the routine inspection of existing registered premises.

The following table gives the statistical position at the end of 1971.

TABLE "A"

REGISTRATIONS AND
GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	No. of Premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total No. of registered Premises at end of year (3)	No. of registered Premises receiving general inspection during the year. (4)
Offices	3	46	4
Retail Shops	8	119	29
Wholesale Shops Warehouses	-	3	1
Catering Establishments open to the public. canteens	2	14	5
Fuel storage depots.	-	1	-
Total	13	183	39

TABLE "B"

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE "C"

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND

Section of the Act	Facility or other Matter	Number found
6	Temperature	2
10	Washing facilities	1
24	First Aid	4
50	Abstract- Information for Employees	7
	Total	<u>14</u>

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

No accidents were reported to the Department during the year.

It is the duty of the local authority to investigate any accidents reported in all the premises registered under the Act and to take any necessary action by advice, warning letter or prosecution.

The County Council remain responsible through their Weights and Measures Department for the closing provisions of the Shops Acts.

DRAINAGE

A further two dwelling-houses, on cesspool drainage, were connected to the public sewers during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

There is now only one producer of milk within the Urban District, and thirty retailers of bottled milk - (twenty-six from shops only).

Nine inspections of dairies were made during the year and no statutory action was called for.

No unprocessed milk is now sold in the area.

(b) Sampling

A total of seventy samples was taken with the following results:-

Designation	No. of Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test			Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test	U.H.T Test
		P	F	Test Void	P	F	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Pasteurised	53	53	-	-	53	-	-	-
Sterilised	11	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
Ultra Heat Treated	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Totals	70	53	-	-	53	-	11	6

Once again all the samples of milk submitted for bacteriological examination passed the prescribed tests.

Five of the samples submitted were from roundsmen, and sixty-five were from local dairies and shops. No action was required under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959, which provides for action where milk is suspected of having caused disease in human beings.

Designated Milk

The local authority under delegated powers from the County Council issue Dealers' Licences on behalf of the latter.

At the end of 1971 the following licences were in force

For Pasteurised Milk:	1 Dealer's (Pasteuriser's)
	24 Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk)

For Untreated Milk :	NIL
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For Sterilised Milk:	2 Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk)
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For Ultra Heat Treated Milk:	7 Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk)
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The one pasteurising establishment in the district is licensed by the Local Authority on behalf of the County Council.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus.

No samples of raw milk were examined.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

Meat and Food Inspection

The following articles of food were surrendered and condemned as being unfit for human food.

Meat (offal) - 20 lbs.	Cooked meat and meat products	- 288 lbs.
Meat (carcase) 122 lbs.		
Fish - $1\frac{1}{2}$ stones	Walnuts	- 364 lbs.
Tinned meats- 117 lbs. (various)	Cheese	- 16 lbs.
Tinned foods- 2813 (various)	and a large quantity of frozen foodstuffs surrendered because of refrigerator failures.	
Miscellaneous- 130 lbs. Foods		

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970.

In accordance with paragraph 9(b) of Circular 1/72 the following information is given:-

Trade	No. of Premises
Butchers	12
Bakehouses and Confectioners	8
Cooked Meats	2
Fish (raw)	4
Fish (fried)	3
Greengrocery	8
Grocers (including mixed shops)	31
Cafes	9
Factory and School Canteens	8
Ice Cream Premises	54
Frozen Food Premises	1

A total of 264 inspections of all types of food premises were made during the year.

No ice cream is manufactured in the district and there are 56 retail premises where only a pre-packed article is sold.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

The following table gives details of complaints about the fitness of food and the action taken:

DETAILS OF FOOD COMPLAINED OF	ACTION TAKEN
Section 2	
(1) Steak and kidney Pie - mould	Warning letter to manufacturers
(2) Tomato Ketchup with onions - fly larvae and eggs.	Warning letter to manufacturers
(3) Pork Pie - mould.	Warning letter to retailer
(4) Wrapped bread - mould.	Manufacturer prosecuted - fined £10 and £5 costs
(5) Bread - foreign body (Steel swarf)	Manufacturer prosecuted - fined £20 and £10 costs.
(6) Tinned baked beans - mould.	Warning letter to manufacturers
Section 8	
(7) Bacon joint - decomposition	Manufacturer prosecuted - fined £25 and £10 costs.

The number of complaints dealt with compares favourably with last year when the figure was eleven.

Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966.

Late in the year the Council approved the leasing of a Local Authority car park for the running of a one-day (Saturday) open-air market. Six of the stalls were selling food and the concern of the Department was to see that the Regulations were complied with.

Adulteration etc.

The County Council is the responsible Authority.

I am indebted to Mr. J.S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer, for the following report:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1971, 127 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act 1955, within the area of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Milk Samples

40 samples of milk, including 38 samples of "Channel Islands" were obtained. Of these, two samples of "Channel Islands" were unsatisfactory due to slight deficiencies in fat, but were from larger consignments which on average were of the required fat content and consequently did not involve any offences.

Miscellaneous Samples

87 samples of articles other than milk, including 2 of ice cream which were both correct, were taken. Two of the samples were the subject of unsatisfactory reports, as follows:-

Beefsteak and Kidney pie - deficient in meat.

The sample was submitted following a consumer complaint and consisted of part of a pie which it was alleged was almost devoid of meat filling. Analysis showed that the meat content was only 15%, instead of the minimum of 25% required for this type of product. The matter was brought to the attention of the manufacturers but it appeared to be an isolated occurrence as examination of similar pies showed them to be satisfactory.

Bread - contained human hair.

This sample also related to a consumer complaint. The hair was embedded in the bread and had been there before baking. Inquiries were made into the case, which was dealt with by a warning, the attention of the bakers responsible being drawn to the need for precautions to ensure that such a complaint did not recur.

General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints regarding these matters.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WORK

Details of the inspections carried out during the year are given in the following table:-

Premises Inspected.	No. of Inspections.
Re: Water Supply	7
Drainage	216
Accumulations of refuse	10
Noise Nuisances	24
Swimming Pools	8
Caravan Sites	34
Animal Boarding Establishments	3
Factories	36
Stables and Piggeries	2
Keeping of Animals	10
Pest Infestation	19
Public Conveniences	8
Licensed Premises and Clubs	1
Rodent Control	32
Atmospheric Pollution (Clean Air)	40
Schools	12
Shops	30
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	78
Rivers Pollution	55
Miscellaneous Hygiene Visits	91
Enquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	33
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	32
Enquiries re Food Poisoning	23
Food Hygiene	
Butchers	12
Dairies and Milk Distributors	9
Fishmongers and Fish Fryers	7
Grocers	30
Greengrocers	10
Sweet Confectioners	11
Bakers and Confectioners	3
Cafes and Canteens	15
Market Stalls and Street Vendors	8
Milk Sampling	82
Miscellaneous Food Visits	51
Food Preparing Premises	8
Schools	7
Clubs	8
Licensed Premises	3
Housing:	
Under Public Health Acts	26
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	25
Under Housing Acts	11
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	36
Overcrowding	1
Re Improvement Grants	100
Re-inspections - Works in progress	319
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	9
Inspections re Qualification Certificates	34

The Rodent Operator also carried out the work of unstopping drains on request, at a nominal charge to the occupier of 25p per hour. This scheme is to the advantage of the occupier and is instrumental in the prevention of public health nuisances.

Complaints:

Rodent Infestation	350
Drainage (obstructed drains)	335
Pest Infestations (general)	834
Public Health Nuisances (general)	47
Other Miscellaneous	19
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The general pest infestations were:-

Squirrels -	55
Bees -	36
Wasps -	632
Other -	111

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act 1961, are now given as an Appendix to the Report.

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Form of Notice	Number Served	Premises	Defects
Informal: Sanitary Defects	10	10	98
Statutory: Sanitary Defects	-	-	-

In conclusion, I must once again express to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my appreciation of their support. I also express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, the Treasurer and finally to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Morton.

Once again I pay tribute to the small staff without whose loyalty and efficiency the Department would not function as satisfactorily as it does.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

F.E. Smale.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

June 1972

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in respect of the year 1971 for the Urban District
of Fleet in the County of Hampshire.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

(1) Premises	(2) Number on Register	Number of		
		(3) Inspections	(4) Written Notices	(5) Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	58	36	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals	58	36	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences: (S.7) (a) Unsuitable or defective.	3	3	-	-	-
Totals	3	3	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Section 133 and 134

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I.H.C. Morton.

Medical Officer of Health.

June 1972.

